

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION - 2022 Annual Pay Raise (#47140)

December 6, 2021

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Dear Customer:

NOTE: The contents of this notification and other Annual Pay Raise forms/resources can be viewed online at the Annual Pay Raise Web site.

The National Finance Center (NFC) is currently awaiting an Executive Order signed by the President to move forward with Project 47140, 2022 Annual Pay Raise. However, we must begin preparation activities to ensure a successful implementation in Pay Period (PP) 01, 2022, if authorized.

The Web page links and attachment are as follows:

- 1. 2022 Annual Pay Raise Activities TIMELINE
- 2. 2022 Annual Pay Raise Customer Procedures
- 3. 2022 Annual Pay Raise Agency Contacts List (see attachment)
- 4. 2022 Annual Pay Raise Agency Contact Information Form

Agencies should review the 2022 Annual Pay Raise Activities TIMELINE for upcoming activities regarding the overall project. Please ensure that your team is aware of the following "critical" Agency deadlines, which are scheduled within the next 30 days:

### Friday, December 10, 2021

- **Agency deadline** for submitting Agency Test Participation (SSN File) forms to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox, using the password provided by NFC.
- Agency deadline for submitting Agency Security Access Requests via ServiceNow.

• **Agency deadline** for submitting updates regarding the Agency Contacts List to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox.

#### Tuesday, December 14, 2021

 NFC will conduct a follow-up conference call with Agencies (via Microsoft Teams) to ensure that everyone is prepared for the upcoming pay raise processing activities for PP 01/2022. The Client Management Branch will send out invitations via Microsoft Teams.

## Monday, January 3, 2022 (by midnight CST)

- Agency deadline for submitting Annual Pay Raise requirements and Table
  Management System (TMGT) updates. Due to the impact of end-of-year holidays
  on this project, the processing dates identified in the 2022 Annual Pay Raise
  Activities TIMELINE must be followed to ensure that the January 2022 pay
  increase is processed as scheduled. There will be no extensions.
  - For <u>Agency-specific</u> TMGT table updates that should be processed manually for Tables 16, 29, 52, and 98, Agencies are required to submit updates to the TMGT Team via the new ServiceNow procedures for TMGT updates through Agency-authorized personnel only (see <u>INQUIRY 20-05</u>, <u>Procedural Change in Requesting TMGT Updates</u>, dated September 23, 2020).
    - ServiceNow request tickets must be submitted as a request, and not an incident, to the PaPB/QCS group for processing and screen prints are required with each update to ensure accuracy.
    - Agency Requirements/TMGT Tables forms relating to those manual TMGT table updates MUST be submitted to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox, <u>Annual.PayRaise@usda.gov</u>, with the ServiceNow ticket number entered on the form for tracking purposes.
  - For <u>Agency-specific</u> TMGT table batch load updates, Agencies will be required to submit their Agency Requirements/TMGT Tables forms to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox, <u>Annual.PayRaise@usda.gov</u>, along with the associated table update requests.

<u>NOTE:</u> Agency-specific requirements and table updates received after midnight central standard time on <u>Monday</u>, <u>January 3</u>, <u>2022</u>, may be processed retroactively in a later pay period as a separate project based on an Interagency Agreement with your Agency. If the President signs the Executive Order late, the deadline will be adjusted accordingly.

Friday, December 31, 2021 – Tuesday, January 4, 2022

- NFC will process Agency Requirements/TMGT Tables forms and will load Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Tables/Agency-specific bulk files to the TMGT production database.
- NFC will apply TMGT Updates into *EmpowHR* <u>after</u> table entries are loaded into production.

#### Thursday, January 6, 2022

- Agency deadline by 4:00 p.m. central time (CT) for submitting Agency Status Reports to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox (with approval/findings for the verification of TMGT and EmpowHR table entries).
- NFC will run test PINE Pass 01 and test PAYE Pass 01 for PP 01/2022 in IDMS61/DICT02 (evening run).
- NFC will run production PAYE Pass 01 for PP 26/2021.

# Friday, January 7, 2022

- **Agency deadline** by 4:00 p.m. CT for submitting Agency Status Reports to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox (with approval/findings for the verification of test PINE Pass 01 data and test PAYE Pass 01 data).
- **Agency deadline** to clean up production suspense to ensure pay adjustments for PP 01/2022 will process correctly.
- NFC will run production PAYE Pass 02 for PP 26/2021.
- NFC will release a Committee for Agriculture Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)
   Notice to remind Agencies of the execution of production PINE Pass 01 for PP 01/2022, which is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Agencies should review the 2022 Annual Pay Raise Customer Procedures for complete guidance regarding the overall project. Please be reminded that Agency Requirements/TMGT Tables forms are only required for those pay plans with "special" requirements that your Agency wants processed by NFC. As stated on pages 4 and 5 of the customer procedures, Agency Requirements/TMGT Tables forms are <u>not</u> required for those pay plans listed under <u>Federal Pay Increases Not Processed</u> or for those pay plans listed under <u>Federal Pay Increases Processed Automatically</u>. NFC will perform those actions by default.

Agencies should review the "revised" 2022 Annual Pay Raise Agency Contacts List to verify that the Agency Contacts identified are valid. NFC has received verification from those Agencies marked with a "Y."

- If changes are required, please complete the 2022 Annual Pay Raise Agency Contact Information form and submit your changes to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox.
- If no changes are required, please send an email to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox stating that no changes are required for your Agency.

If you have any questions/comments regarding this notification, please send an email to the Annual Pay Raise Mailbox at <a href="mailto:Annual.PayRaise@usda.gov">Annual.PayRaise@usda.gov</a>.

Thank You, 2022 Annual Pay Raise Team